

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: To Be Assigned)	Examiner: To Be Assigned
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WAVELENGTH BAND)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheets. The amendments are discussed in this paper and are also illustrated in the attached annotated drawing sheets.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.